

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, please insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, before the second full paragraph, which begins with "Proceeding from the above," please insert --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 8, before the second full paragraph, which begins with "The invention will be," please insert --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 8, before the last full paragraph, which begins with "Fig. 1 shows," please insert --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3, 5-7, and 9-19 to remove their multiple dependencies. A "marked-up" version of the amended claims is enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (c)(1).

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3. (Amended) Flat gable composite packing according to claim 1, wherein the opening element (4, 4') is sharp-edged on its edges pointing toward the inner PE layer.

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5. (Amended) Flat gable composite packing according to claim 1, wherein the opening element or sealing element (4, 4', 4'') is designed as a plate (7, 7', 7'') attached flat to the packing interior.
6. (Amended) Flat gable packing according to claim 1, wherein the connecting element (5, 5') is molded onto the opening element (4, 4', 14) as a single piece.